

RUF's illicit trade in diamonds from Sierra Leone and its other forms of support for the RUF. The Government of Liberia's actions in this regard constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States because they directly challenge United States foreign policy objectives in the region and the rule-based international order that is crucial to the peace and prosperity of the United States.

In Executive Order 13194, President Clinton responded to the RUF's illicit arms-for-diamonds trade that fuels the brutal, decade-long civil war in Sierra Leone by declaring a national emergency and, consistent with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1306, by prohibiting the importation into the United States of all rough diamonds from Sierra Leone except for those importations controlled through the certificate of origin regime of the Government of Sierra Leone. In a report issued on December 14, 2000, the United Nations Panel of Experts established pursuant to resolution 1306 found that diamonds represent a major and primary source of income for the RUF to sustain and advance its military activities; that the bulk of the RUF diamonds leaves Sierra Leone through Liberia; and that such illicit trade cannot be conducted without the permission and involvement of Liberian government officials at the highest levels. The Panel recommended, among other things, a complete embargo on all diamonds from Liberia until Liberia demonstrates convincingly that it is no longer involved in the trafficking of arms to, or diamonds from, Sierra Leone.

On March 7, 2001, the Security Council unanimously adopted resolution 1343 to impose sanctions against the Government of Liberia. The resolution determined that the Government of Liberia's active support for the RUF in Sierra Leone and other armed rebel groups in neighboring countries constitutes a threat to international peace and security in the region and decided that all states shall impose an immediate arms embargo on Liberia and also shall impose travel and diamond bans on Liberia on May 7, 2001, unless the Council determined before that date that the Government of Liberia had ceased its support for the RUF and for other armed rebel groups and, in particular, had taken a number of concrete steps identified in the resolution. In furtherance of this resolution, the Secretaries of State, Commerce, and Defense have taken steps, under their respective authorities, to implement the arms embargo.

With regard to the travel ban and diamond embargo, the Government of Liberia has failed, notwithstanding the two-month implementation period granted by resolution 1343, to honor its commitments to cease its support for the RUF and other armed rebel groups. As a result, the Security Council did not determine that Liberia has complied with the demands of the Council.

In Proclamation 7359 of October 10, 2000, President Clinton suspended the entry as immigrants and non-immigrants of persons who plan, engage in, or benefit from activities that support the RUF or that otherwise impede the peace process in Sierra Leone. The application of that Proclamation implements the travel ban imposed by resolution 1343.

Finally, for the reasons discussed above and in the enclosed Executive Order, I also have found that the Government of Liberia's continuing facilitation of and participation in the RUF's illicit trade in diamonds from Sierra Leone and its other forms of support for the RUF contribute to the unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States described in Executive Order 13194 with respect to which the President declared a national emergency. In order to deal with that threat, and consistent with resolution 1343 and this finding, I have taken action to prohibit the importation into the United States of all rough diamonds from Liberia, whether or not such diamonds originated there, in order to contribute to the international effort to bring a prompt end to the illicit arms-for-diamonds trade by which the RUF perpetuates the tragic conflict in Sierra Leone. This action, as well as those discussed above, also expresses our outrage at the Government of Liberia's ongoing contribution to human suffering in Sierra Leone and other neighboring countries, as well as its continuing failure to abide by international norms and the rule of law.

GEORGE W. BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, May 23, 2001.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-1946. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of the Navy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Under Secretary of the Navy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1947. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense, International Security Policy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1948. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Secretary of the Air Force; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1949. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Under Secretary of Defense, Acquisition, Tech-

nology and Logistics; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1950. A communication from the Acting Chairman of the National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to establishing and adjusting schedules of compensation; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1951. A communication from the Secretary of the Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Appliance Labeling Rule" (RIN3084-AA74) received on May 16, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1952. A communication from the Chief of the Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Two-Step Stock Acquisitions" (Rev. Ruls. 2001-26, -23) received on May 15, 2001; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1953. A communication from the Assistant Director for Executive and Political Personnel, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense, Force Management Policy, received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1954. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a cost comparison of the Personnel Computer Support function at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1955. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, a report relative to a cost comparison to reduce the cost of Heat Plant function at Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1956. A communication from the Director of the Policy Directives and Instructions Branch, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Adjustment of Status for Certain Syrian Nationals Granted Asylum in the United States" (RIN115-AG17) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1957. A communication from the General Counsel of the United States Marshal Service, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision to United States Marshals Service Fees for Services" (RIN1105-AA64) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1958. A communication from the Secretary of the Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Federal Courts Improvement Act of 2001" received on May 10, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1959. A communication from the Chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "International Broadcasting Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 2002 and 2003" received on April 25, 2001; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1960. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report under the National Defense Authorization Act for calendar year 1999; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1961. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs,

Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, Presidential Determination Number 2001-13, relative to the Palestine Liberation Organization; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1962. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, Presidential Determination Number 2001-14, relative to Ireland; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-1963. A communication from the Deputy Director and Senior Agency Official of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual Performance Report for Fiscal Year 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1964. A communication from the Deputy Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Records Disposition; Technical Amendments" (RIN3095-AB02) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1965. A communication from the Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Service Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 97-25" (FAC 97-25) received on May 15, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1966. A communication from the Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft of proposed legislation entitled "Merit Systems Protection Board Reauthorization Act of 2001" received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-1967. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Thiamethoxam; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL6784-7) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1968. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Extension of Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions (Multiple Chemicals)" (FRL6782-1) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1969. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Aspergillus flavus AF36; Extension of Temporary Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL6781-7) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1970. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Cyfluthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions" (FRL6781-8) received on May 16, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1971. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Livestock and Seed Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to the Beef Promotion and Research Rules and Regulations" (Doc. No. LS-98-005) received on May 15, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1972. A communication from the Acting Administrator, Agricultural Marketing

Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Decreased Assessment Rates" (Doc. No. FV01-930-1 FIR) received on May 15, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1973. A communication from the Chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a draft of proposed legislation relative to authorization of appropriations for Fiscal Year 2002; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1974. A communication from the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Final Rule for Endangered Status for *Astragalus pycnostachyus* var. *lanosissimus* (Ventura marsh milk-vetch)" (RIN1018-AF61) received on May 15, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1975. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Acquisition Regulation; Administrative Amendments" (FRL6955-3) received on May 16, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1976. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Monies" (FRL6978-7) received on May 16, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1977. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Approval of Revisions to Stage II Vapor Recovery Regulations for Southwest Pennsylvania" (FRL6981-5) received on May 16, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1978. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of VOC Emissions from Distilled Spirits Facilities" (FRL6979-3) received on May 16, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1979. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Maryland; Repeal of Petroleum Refinery Regulations" (FRL6979-6) received on May 16, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1980. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Arizona State Implementation Plan Revision, Coconino County, Mohave County, and Yuma County" (FRL6916-2) received on May 16, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1981. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Imple-

mentation Plans; New Jersey; Nitrogen Oxides Budget and Allowance Trading Program" (FRL6979-1) received on May 16, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1982. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York; Nitrogen Oxides Budget and Allowance Trading Program" (FRL6979-2) received on May 16, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1983. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL6980-4) received on May 16, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1984. A communication from the Acting Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Special Regulations for the Preble's Jumping Mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*)" (RIN1018-AF30) received on May 16, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1985. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; State of West Virginia; Control of Emissions from Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills" (FRL6983-6) received on May 17, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1986. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Secondary Direct Food Additives Permitted in Food for Human Consumption; Alpha-Acetolactate Decarboxylase Enzyme Preparation" (Doc. No. 92F-0396) received on May 21, 2001; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

#### PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-67. A concurrent resolution adopted by the House of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana relative to a comprehensive national energy policy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 43

Whereas, the nation needs an effective, comprehensive national energy policy which will have an enduring impact on the supply and demand for energy in a manner that will help sustain the strength of the U.S. economy and improve the quality of life in this nation and around the world; and

Whereas, a national energy policy can help ensure that there are energy supplies sufficient to support economic growth with an eye towards improving the quality of life for people the world over; and

Whereas, a national energy policy should encourage responsible use of energy and responsible development of energy resources and efficiencies in order to meet the nation's expectations for secure energy sources while